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FOR THE AMBASSADOR.

1. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH THAT IS TO BE USED BY YOU AT THE DINNER ON DECEMBER 10. THE SHORT ADDRESS TO BE USED AT THE DINNER IS YOUR OWN. WE ARE AWARE THAT IT IS IN RESPONSE TO ONE GIVEN BY A MEMBER OF THE NOBEL COMMITTEE AND THEREFORE YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE YOUR OWN JUDGEMENT IN ADDING TO OR TAILORING THESE REMARKS APPROPRIATELY.

2. TEXT OF REMARKS TO BE MADE BY AMBASSADOR BYRNE AT THE DINNER ON DECEMBER 10 IN HONOR OF THE SECRETARY TO CELEBRATE THE PRESENTATION OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. "THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE NEVER ENDS IS UNFORTUNATELY MADE EVIDENT BY THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ABSENCE THIS EVENING OF DR. KISSINGER, WHOM I AM DEEPLY HONORED TO REPRESENT. DR. KISSINGER DEVOTES HIS LIFE TO AN ACTIVE SEARCH FOR THE IDEAS AND THE MEANS TO ENABLE A WORLD AS DIVERSE AS OURS TO FIND A WAY TOWARDS TRUE PEACE. IT IS JUST SUCH URGENT TASKS THAT PREVENT DR. KISSINGER FROM

PERSONALLY SHARING WITH US TONIGHT THIS DINNER, WHICH IS A GENEROUS AND EXCITING TRIBUTE TO HIM AND TO HIS WORK. I BRING TO YOU HIS DEEP REGRET THAT HE CANNOT BE HERE TO TELL YOU PERSONALLY OF HIS GRATITUDE NOT ONLY FOR THE WORLD-RENOWNED HONOR THAT HAS BEEN BESTOWED UPON HIM TODAY BUT ALSO FOR THE SPLENDID FESTIVITIES WHICH GO WITH THIS UNIQUE OCCASION.

PRESIDENT NIXON, WITH WHOM DR. KISSINGER WORKED SO CLOSELY IN HIS EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE TO INDOCHINA, AND THE ENTIRE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE DEEPLY HONORED BY THE CHOICE OF ONE OF THEIR MOST DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS TO RECEIVE THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN THUS HONORED BEFORE AND WHILE THE DILIGENT SEARCH FOR PEACE REQUIRES NO REWARD BEYOND THOSE SUBLIME MOMENTS OF SUCCESS, THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE REPRESENTS TO THE WORLD THE HIGHEST HONOR POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO DEDICATE THEIR LIVES TO PEACE, AND IT IS THEREFORE TREASURED ALSO BY THE CITIZENS OF A COUNTRY WHO FIND THAT ONE OF THEIR NUMBER HAS BEEN SO HONORED.

AMERICANS HAVE LEARNED WITH PRIDE THAT DR. KISSINGER, ALWAYS MINDFUL THAT THE GRIM EFFECTS OF WAR TRAGICALLY DO PASS FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION, HAS REQUESTED THAT THERE BE ESTABLISHED WITH THE MONEY ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRIZE A SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE CHILDREN OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN KILLED OR MISSING IN ACTION IN INDOCHINA. FROM THE RANKS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL THUS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY ON THEIR STUDIES THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF ALFRED NOBEL, PERHAPS THERE WILL COME SOMEDAY ANOTHER MAN OR WOMAN WHOSE EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE WILL ADD HIS NAME TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE EARLIER RECEIVED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE OF TODAY, WITH THEIR IDEALISM, THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND THEIR DRIVE TO ACHIEVE PEACE, MUST BE PREPARED TO TAKE UP, IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER, THE INFINITELY CONFIDENTIAL

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DEMANDING TASKS NOW BEING CARRIED FORWARD SO EFFECTIVELY BY MEN SUCH AS DR. KISSINGER. THEY MUST BE READY TO ADDRESS THEMSELVES SERIOUSLY NOT ONLY TO THE BROAD POLITICAL PROBLEMS THAT BESET THE WORLD, BUT THEY MUST WORK DILIGENTLY FOR AN END TO POVERTY AND ECONOMIC INJUSTICE. FOR THIS, WE WILL NEED VISIONARIES WHO CAN DREAM THEIR DREAMS AND, IN THE MANNER OF DR. KISSINGER, USE THE EXISTING INSTITUTIONS OR DEVISE NEW, MORE EFFECTIVE ONES, TO TURN THESE DREAMS INTO REALITIES.

PERHAPS THE OLDEST SIGN OF PEACE AMONG PEOPLES IS THE ACT OF SITTING DOWN AT A COMMON TABLE AND SHARING FOOD WITH ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS WE ARE DOING THIS EVENING. IT IS MY HOPE, AND THE HOPE OF MY COUNTRY, THAT THIS SAME ACT WILL SOMEDAY

BE POSSIBLE, IF ONLY SYMBOLICALLY, FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD.  
IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WE LOOK FOR A GROWTH IN THE

NUMBERS OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO, FOLLOWING ALFRED NOBEL'S  
PRECEPTS, WILL STRIVE FOR FRATERNITY AMONG NATIONS, WILL  
SEEK THE ABOLITION OR REDUCTION OF STANDING ARMIES, AND  
WILL WORK TO BRING PEOPLE TO THE TABLES OF PEACE. TO  
THESE NUMBERS, WE NOW SEE ADDED THE NAME OF HENRY  
KISSINGER. THROUGH HIS UNFLAGGING EFFORTS, THAT DAY  
WHEN WE CAN ALL SHARE TOGETHER THE WORLD'S BEAUTIES AND  
ABUNDANCE IN PEACE IS INDEED MUCH CLOSER.

IN THIS SPIRIT, I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO  
PEACE ON EARTH.

3. TEXT OF REMARKS TO BE READ BY AMBASSADOR BYRNE AT  
THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE CEREMONY FOLLOWS SEPTEL. KISSINGER

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